

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. An apparatus for peeling and scrubbing produce, comprising:
a housing forming a substantially closeable chamber, said housing comprising one or more side walls, a bottom wall and a lid, said housing having a discharge opening;
a spray system configured to spray a fluid in said chamber, said spray system having one or more spray nozzles connected to a fluid line, said fluid line adapted for connection to a source of fluid, at least a portion of said one or more spray nozzles operatively disposed inside said chamber;
one or more rollers rotatably disposed inside said chamber;
means for rotating said one or more rollers, said rotating means operatively connected to each of said one or more rollers; and
a motor operatively connected to said rotating means and configured to drive said rotating means and rotate each of said one or more rollers.
2. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said housing is sized and configured to use the apparatus on a counter or table top.
3. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said fluid line has a coupler to removably connect to said source of fluid.

4. The apparatus according to claim 1 further comprising a fluid container adapted to be removably connected to said fluid line, said fluid container suitable for storing a cleaning solution and delivering said cleaning solution to said chamber.

5. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said one or more spray nozzles are attached to or incorporated in said lid and at least a portion of said fluid line is disposed inside said lid.

6. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein each of said one or more rollers are configured to be abrasive.

7. The apparatus according to claim 6, wherein each of said one or more rollers comprises a base member having a plurality of outwardly extending bristles.

8. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said one or more rollers are removably disposed inside said chamber to allow changing of said one or more rollers to selectively peel or scrub produce.

9. The apparatus according to claim 8 further comprising a bracket attached to at least one end of each of said one or more rollers, said bracket configured to securely receive said end of said rollers.

10. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said motor is an electric motor.

11. The apparatus according to claim 1 further comprising a basket for holding one or more small sized produce, wherein said chamber is configured to receive said basket and abrade said one or more small sized produce.

12. The apparatus according to claim 1 further comprising an upper component having one or more upper rollers rotatably attached to a roller frame, said upper component configured to be received in said chamber and confine the produce between said one or more rollers and said one or more upper rollers.

13. The apparatus according to claim 1 further comprising a reservoir configured to store said source of fluid and a pump configured to pump said fluid through said fluid line to said one or more spray nozzles.

14. The apparatus according to claim 1 further comprising a controller in electrical communication with said motor, said controller configured to allow a user of said apparatus to operatively control said motor and the rotation of said one or more rollers.

15. An apparatus for peeling and scrubbing produce, comprising:
a housing forming a substantially closeable chamber, said housing comprising one or more side walls, a bottom wall and a lid, said housing having a discharge opening, said housing sized and configured to use the apparatus on a counter or table top;

a spray system configured to spray a fluid in said chamber, said spray system having one or more spray nozzles connected to a fluid line, said fluid line having a coupler adapted for removable connection to a source of fluid, at least a portion of said one or more spray nozzles operatively disposed inside said chamber;

a fluid container disposed in said fluid line, said fluid container suitable for storing a cleaning solution and delivering said cleaning solution to said chamber;

one or more abrasive rollers rotatably disposed inside said chamber;

means for rotating said one or more abrasive rollers, said rotating means operatively connected to each of said one or more abrasive rollers; and

a motor operatively connected to said rotating means and configured to drive said rotating means and rotate each of said one or more abrasive rollers.

16. The apparatus according to claim 15, wherein each of said one or more abrasive rollers comprises a base member having a plurality of outwardly extending bristles.

17. The apparatus according to claim 15 further comprising a bracket attached to at least one end of each of said one or more abrasive rollers, said bracket configured to securely receive said end of said abrasive rollers.

18. The apparatus according to claim 15, wherein one or more rollers are removably disposed inside said chamber to allow changing of said one or more rollers to selectively peel or scrub produce.

19. An apparatus for peeling and scrubbing produce, comprising:
a housing forming a substantially closeable chamber, said housing comprising one or more side walls, a bottom wall and a lid, said housing having a discharge opening, said housing sized and configured for use on a counter or table top;

a spray system configured to spray a fluid in said chamber, said spray system having one or more spray nozzles connected to a fluid line, said fluid line having a coupler adapted for removable connection to a source of fluid, at least a portion of said one or more spray nozzles operatively disposed inside said chamber;

a fluid container disposed in said fluid line, said fluid container suitable for storing a cleaning solution and delivering said cleaning solution to said chamber;

one or more abrasive rollers rotatably disposed inside said chamber;

one or more brackets attached to said housing, each of said one or more brackets adapted to removably receive an end of one of said one or more abrasive rollers and secure said abrasive roller in said chamber;

means for rotating each of said one or more abrasive rollers, said rotating means operatively connected to each of said one or more abrasive rollers;

a motor operatively connected to said rotating means and configured to drive said rotating means and rotate each of said one or more abrasive rollers; and

a controller in electrical communication with said motor, said controller configured to allow a user of said apparatus to operatively control said motor and the rotation of said one or more abrasive rollers.

20. The apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said controller is further configured to operatively control said spray system.